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37 CFR 1.97(c)

2. The Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith is being filed after the period specified in 37 CFR 1.97(b), provided that the Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing date of a Final Action under 37 CFR 1.113, a Notice of Allowance under 37 CFR 1.311, or an Action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application, and is accompanied by one of:

- the statement specified in 37 CFR 1.97(e);

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- the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p).



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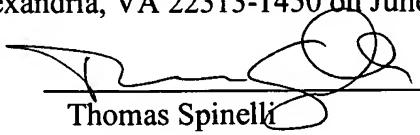
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. United States Patent No. 4,800,424, issued to Noguchi, dated January 24, 1989; and
2. German Laid-Open Patent Publication No. DE 195 29 164 A1, dated February 15, 1996, together with English-language Abstract.

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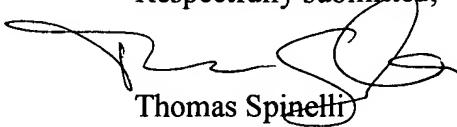
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The references were cited in an Office Action dated March 16, 2006 received from the German Patent Office. Applicant is submitting a copy of reference number 2, together with a copy of the Office Action and an English translation thereof. In accordance with the waiver of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(2)(i) in effect as of June 30, 2003, applicant is not required to submit a copy of the above-cited U.S. Patent reference. Please note the other reference cited in the Office Action, namely, U.S. Patent No. 5,187,572 A, issued to Nakamura et al., dated February 16, 1993, was previously cited by the Examiner in an Office Action dated May 2, 2006. The relevance of the above-identified references has been described in the Office Action.

In compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3), as a concise statement of relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, the undersigned attorney of record submits a translation of the official action by a foreign examiner in which the references were cited. The relevance to the pending U.S. patent application is that the references were cited in a foreign patent application on the same subject matter. However, no independent analysis of the references, the accuracy of the statement of the foreign examiner or the claims of the foreign application under the laws of that country or the United States relative to the subject matter claimed in the present application has been made; the present understanding of the contents thereof by the undersigned being based on the translation of the foreign examiner's comments submitted herewith.

Inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in accordance with the schedule set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), the petition fee is enclosed.

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